

CLAIMS

Sub B' We claim:

1. A method of modifying a display order of user interface (UI) screens for a suite installation and setup application, comprising the steps of:

5 providing a text based setup data file having at least one section containing a display order textual listing of the UI screens;

providing a text editor; and

10 editing the display order textual listing of the UI screens in the setup data file using the text editor.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the display order textual listing includes a plurality of individual UI screen identifiers, and wherein said step of editing comprises the step of deleting at least one of the plurality of individual UI screen identifiers.

15 3. The method of claim 1, wherein the display order textual listing includes a plurality of individual UI screen identifiers listed in a first order, and wherein said step of editing comprises the step of reordering the individual UI screen identifiers to a second order.

20 4. The method of claim 1, wherein the display order textual listing includes a plurality of individual UI screen identifiers, and wherein said step of editing comprises the step of adding a new UI screen identifier.

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Sub B' 7 5 The method of claim 1, wherein the display order textual listing includes a plurality of individual UI screen identifiers, and wherein said step of editing comprises the step of replacing the plurality of individual UI screen identifiers with a new textual listing of screen identifiers.

5 6. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of providing a dynamic link library (dll) defining a UI screen, and wherein said step of editing comprises the step of inserting a textual reference to the dll in the display order textual listing.

10 7. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of providing an executable (EXE) file defining a UI screen, and wherein said step of editing comprises the step of inserting a textual reference to the EXE file in the display order textual listing.

15 8. The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of providing a suite installation program having UI screen templates provided therein, wherein the display order textual listing includes a plurality of individual UI screen identifiers, and wherein at least one of said individual UI screen identifiers relate to one of said UI screen templates.

20 9. A computer-readable medium having stored thereon computer-executable components comprising a plurality of components bundled in a suite, and a text based setup database file, said setup database file including a display order textual listing identifying specific user interface (UI) screens to be displayed during installation of said components.

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Sub A' 7¹⁰. The computer-readable medium of claim 9, further including at least one dynamic link library (dll) defining a UI screen, and wherein said display order textual listing contains a textual reference to said dll.

Sub B' 7¹¹. The computer-readable medium of claim 9, further including at least one executable (EXE) file defining a UI screen, and wherein said display order textual listing contains a textual reference to said EXE file.

Sub A' 7¹². A computer-readable medium having stored thereon computer-executable instructions to perform the steps of:

- acquiring a textual listing of user interface screens for each of a plurality of applications in a suite that are to be installed;
- acquiring the user interface screens identified by the textual listing; and
- displaying the user interface screens identified by the textual listing for each of the applications in the suite that are to be installed.

Sub B' 7¹³. The computer-readable medium of claim 12, wherein said step of acquiring the user interface screens comprises the step of acquiring user interface screen templates provided by an installation application.

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Sub B' 7 14. The computer-readable medium of claim 12, wherein said step of acquiring the user interface screens comprises the step of acquiring at least one user interface screen dynamic link library (dll) defining at least one user interface screen.

5 15. The computer-readable medium of claim 12, wherein said step of acquiring the user interface screens comprises the step of acquiring at least one user interface screen executable file (EXE) defining at least one user interface screen.

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